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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: REDEPLOYMENT OF US AIRCRAFT FROM THAILAND

REFS: A. BANGKOK 13277
B. JCS 3187/DTG 251838Z AUG 73
C. BANGKOK 13352

1. IN RESPONSE TO REQUESTS FOR GUIDANCE ON POINTS RAISED REF A, FOLLOWING ANSWERS PROVIDED.

2. DATE OF US WITHDRAWALS: AS STATED REF B FIRST

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INCREMENT REDEPLOYMENTS ARE TO COMMENCE ON OR ABOUT

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30 AUGUST. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO PASS THAT DATE TO RTG FOR USE BY PRIME MINISTER IN HIS 29 AUGUST PRESS CONFERENCE. WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO STATEMENT THAT US MARINE AIRCRAFT AT NAM PHONG WILL BE AMONG THE FIRST TO MOVE, WITH WITHDRAWAL OF BOTH USMC AND DESIGNATED USAF AIRCRAFT TO PROCEED IN ORDERLY FASHION OVER NEXT FEW WEEKS. ASD/PA MADE SIMILAR STATEMENT AT 1100 (EST) PRESS BRIEFING 27 AUGUST. UNDERSTAND THAT PRESS VISIT ON OCCASION OF FIRST REDEPLOYMENT FROM NAM PHONG NOW BEING COORDINATED WITH RTG.

3. DATE OF COMPLETION OF INITIAL WITHDRAWAL:

AS YOU NOTED IN REF A, THAI RECOGNIZE THAT ORDERLY CLOSE OUT OF NAM PHONG WILL DEPEND IN PART ON RTG ACCEPTANCE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY AND SECURITY RESPONSIBILITY. THEREFORE IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO NAME SPECIFIC DATE AT THIS TIME. THIS SHOULD BE REITERATED TO RTG FOR THANOM'S USE AT PRESS CONFERENCE, IF HE WISHES.

4. KC-135 WITHDRAWALS: REDEPLOYMENT OF 10 TANKERS FROM U-TAPAO CITED IN REF B SHOULD MEET RTG CONCERNS YOU CITE IN PARA 4 OF REF A. WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THANOM'S STATING IT HAS NOW BEEN AGREED THAT SMALL NUMBER OF KC-135 AIRCRAFT WILL MOVE OUT IN NEAR FUTURE. ASD/PA WILL MAKE SAME POINT.

5. B-52 WITHDRAWALS: WE WILL PROVIDE GUIDANCE PRIOR TO NEXT WORKING LEVEL SESSION ON SEPTEMBER 7.

6. FYI. WE WANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT ACTUAL REDEPLOY-MENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OF SAME MUST NOT REPEAT NOT CONVEY ANY APPEARANCE OF PRECIPITATE WITHDRAWAL ON US PART, OR THAT IT IS IN RESPONSE TO RTG PRESSURE ON US. ACTUAL REDEPLOYMENTS OF INITIAL INCREMENT AGREED WITH RTG THEREFORE SHOULD BE SPACED OVER SEVERAL WEEKS. END FYI. RUSH

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